## Atty Perkins, Jan T., of Perkins Mann & Everett (for Petitioner Elena Ortiz, Conservator)

Twentieth and Final Account Current, Report and Petition for Settlement; (2) Petition for Discharge of Conservator [Prob. C. 1060-1064]

DOD: 8/14/2011			ELENA ORTIZ, sister and Conservator, is Petitioner.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
Cor	nt. from		Account period: 5/19/2009 – 8/14/2011 Accounting - \$23,989.02 Beginning POH - [\$7,102.93] Ending POH - \$17,837.60	Page 12 of this calendar is the related <i>Petition to Determine</i> Succession to Real Property in the Estate of Catalina Miranda.
-	Aff.Sub.Wit.		¥=-,,••	Listate of Catalina Mirana.
<b>-</b>	Verified		<b>Subsequent Account period:</b> 8/15/2011 – 12/31/2011	Note: Summary for period of
			Accounting - \$17,418.97	5/19/2009 through 8/14/2011
	Inventory		Beginning POH - [\$17,837.60] Ending POH - \$17,937.46	shows the Beginning Property on
	PTC		(\$1,120.79 is cash)	Hand as \$3,805.34. However, this amount should be \$7,102.93, the
	Not.Cred.		(φ1,120.7) is cusit)	amount of Ending Property on
✓	Notice of		Conservator - <b>\$250.00</b>	Hand from the 19 <sup>th</sup> Account. It
	Hrg			appears based upon the schedules
✓	Aff.Mail	W/	Attorney - \$500.00	in the <i>Petition</i> that the difference
	Aff.Pub.		(less than Local Rule)	is a result of the valuation of the
	Sp.Ntc.		Petitioner states:	non-cash assets (real property)
	Pers.Serv.		<ul> <li>The Promissory Notes owed to the Conservatorship</li> </ul>	less the debts (promissory note and loan) owed by the
	Conf. Screen		Estate of <b>FRANK FLORES</b> (DOD 10/4/2009, Case	Conservatee. Additionally,
	Letters		#0040768) the Conservatee's brother, by the	Beginning Property on Hand for
	Duties/Supp		Conservatee's estate represents the Conservatee's	the subsequent account period of
			share of the down-payment on property located on	8/15/2011 to 12/31/2011 should be
	Objections		Hughes in Fresno purchased by the two	\$17,837.60 because the starting
	Video		conservatorship estates; during the period covered by this accounting, Frank Flores passed away and	point must be the Ending
	Receipt		the balance of the Promissory Note of \$886.85 was	Property on Hand from the last account. Examiner has reviewed
	CI Report		paid in full in May 2010;	this 20 <sup>th</sup> account taking into
<b>✓</b>	2620		• The loan of \$1,147.51 owed to Conservator Elena	consideration these reasons for the
✓	Order		Ortiz represents the Conservatee's share of the	differences between amounts in
			replacement cost of the air conditioner for the	order for this account to balance.
	Aff. Posting		Hughes property, and during the period covered by	Reviewed by: LEG
	Status Rpt		this accounting the income necessary to support the	Reviewed on: 4/13/12
	UCCJEA		Conservatee was insufficient to allow the Conservator to both meet Conservatee's needs and	Updates:
	Citation		to make payments on the loan other than two	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice		payments made on 3/25/2011.	File 1 – Miranda
			~Please see additional page~	

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## Additional Page 1, Catalina D. Miranda (CONS/P)

Case No. 0380281

#### **Petitioner states, continued:**

• Conservatee's daughter, **SOCORRO REYNAGA**, is sole intestate beneficiary of the conservatorship estate; Ms. Reynaga has filed a *Petition to Determine Succession to Real Property (Case #12CEPR00235, please see Page 12 of this calendar)* requesting transfer of all remaining assets of the conservatorship estate after payment of the outstanding loan of \$1,147.51 to Conservator Elena Ortiz.

#### **Petitioner prays for an Order:**

- 1. Approving, allowing and settling the Twentieth account;
- 2. Authorizing the Conservator and attorney fees and commissions;
- 3. Authorizing Conservator to transfer all remaining assets of the Conservatorship estate consisting of \$1,120.79 cash, 1/3 interest in wheelchair received as a result of Frank Flores' passing, 1/3 interest in real property, and a 1/9 interest in real property received as a result of Frank Flores' passing, pursuant to the Court's *Order Determining Succession to Real Property* to the sole beneficiary of Conservatee's estate as follows:
  - SOCORRO REYNAGA, daughter 100% interest; and
- 4. Discharging Petitioner and exonerating bond upon the filing of receipts for distribution [Examiner added: and upon approval of the Ex Parte Petition for Final Discharge and Order.]

Note: Proposed Order Settling the Twentieth Account associated with this matter should be considered and signed by the Court in conjunction with the proposed Order Determining Succession to Real Property for the Estate of Catalina Miranda (Case #12CEPR00235, Page 12 of this calendar.)

## Mary A. Nishikawa (Estate)

Atty

**Case No. 07CEPR00740** 

Teraoka, Steven G (for Executors Konrad Nishikawa and Patty Kishikawa)

Probate Status Hearing Re Failure to file a First Account or Petition for Final Distribution (Prob. C. 12200)

	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
	OFF CALENDAR. Petition for
	Final Distribution filed and set for
Cont. from	hearing on 5/16/12.
Aff.Sub.Wit.	
Verified	
Inventory	
PTC	
Not.Cred.	
Notice of	
Hrg	
Aff.Mail	
Aff.Pub.	
Sp.Ntc.	
Pers.Serv.	
Conf. Screen	
Letters	
Duties/Supp	
Objections	
Video	
Receipt	
CI Report	
9202	
Order	
Aff. Posting	Reviewed by: KT
Status Rpt	Reviewed on: 4/13/12
UCCJEA	Updates:
Citation	Recommendation:
FTB Notice	File 2 - Nishikawa

#### 3A James W. Little (Estate)

Case No. 08CEPR00870

Keeler, William (of Garvey Schubert Barer, for Norma G. Little - Petitioner) Atty Milnes, Michael A (for Christopher Brian Little - Executor/Respondent) Atty

> Petition to Remove Executor, for an Accounting, for Appointment of Successor Personal Representative, for Surcharge, and to Enforce Settlement AGREEMENT , 12200, 12204, 12205, and CCP 664.6)

(Prob. C.	8500, 8501, 8502, 8520 et seq., 8540 et seq., 10952, 12200, 12			
DOD: 7/4/08	NORMA G. LITTLE, surviving spouse, is Petitioner.			
	Petition states:			
Cont. from: 091310, 100410, 102710, 120810, 021611, 033011,051811, 080311, 091411, 102611, 011112, 030712, 032112	<ul> <li>Petitioner Norma Little ("Petitioner") is the surviving spouse of Decedent; they were married on 5/22/04 and were married at the time of Decedent's death;</li> <li>On 7/18/08, Respondent Christopher Little ("Respondent"), who is Decedent's brother, was appointed personal representative of Decedent's estate by the Pinal County Superior Court, state of Arizona</li> </ul>			
Aff.Sub.Wit	("Arizona court");			
√ Verified	On 11/12/08, the Fresno County Superior Court ("Fresno			
Inventory	court") appointed Respondent as the California Executor with bond of \$400,000.00;			
PTC	Thomas McCarville ("T. McCarville") and David McCarville			
Not.Cred.	("D. McCarville") are Arizona attorneys who represent			
√ Notice of Hrg  √ Aff.Mail W	Respondent in the Arizona proceedings;			
√ Aff.Mail W Aff.Pub.	<ul> <li>Petitioner previously filed 3 petitions in this matter: 1)</li> <li>Petition to Determine Distribution Rights; 2) Petition for</li> </ul>			
Sp.Ntc.	an Order Setting Apart Probate Homestead; and 3)			
Pers.Serv.	Petition for Payment of Family Allowance, and the			
Conf. Screen	<ul><li>matters were set for trial;</li><li>Prior to trial, the parties agreed to settle all of</li></ul>			
Letters	Petitioner's claims subject to approval from the Fresno			
Duties/Supp	and Arizona courts (Settlement AGREEMENT and Mutual			
Objections	General Release ("AGREEMENT") attached to Petition as			
Video Receipt	<ul><li>Exhibit A);</li><li>The AGREEMENT states in part:</li></ul>			
CI Report	Respondent is to file petitions for approval of the			
9202	AGREEMENT in each court no later than 8/21/09;			
√ Order	<ul> <li>upon approval by both courts, Respondent is to distribute property to Petitioner pursuant to said AGREEMENT;</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Settling parties are to execute or deliver any instrument, furnish any information, or <u>perform any</u> <u>other act necessary</u> to carry out the AGREEMENT's provisions without undue delay or expense, including appearing at court hearings concerning the status of disputes (emphasis added in Petition);</li> </ul>			
Aff. Posting	<ul> <li>Prevailing party in an action to enforce terms of</li> </ul>			
√ Status Rpt	AGREEMENT is entitled to costs and reasonable			
UCCJEA	attorneys' fees;			
Citation	<ul> <li>AGREEMENT is enforceable pursuant to CCP section</li> <li>664.6.</li> </ul>			
FTB Notice	SEE ATTACHED PAGE-			

**NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:** 

3A – 14<sup>th</sup> hearing on Petition to Remove Executor, etc.

3B - 3<sup>rd</sup> status hearing for proof of exoneration of bond and dismissal

3C - Petition for Approval of Further Settlement Agreement

Note: Other than the below minute orders, the notes at 3A and 3B have not been updated further since Page 3C is a Petition for Court Approval of Further Settlement, etc. See Page 3C.

Minute Order 3/7/12: Mr. Knudson advises the Court that the Arizona Court approved the settlement agreement. The Court continues the matter to 3/21/12 so counsel from the DAK firm can be present.

Minute Order 3-21-12: Also present and appearing via conference call are Arlene Berger-Hoang and Ken Piece. Mr. Clark is also appearing via conference call. Mr. Piece advises the Court that the Arizona settlement was approved. The Court allows Christopher Little to act as special administrator for the limited purpose of the sale of the Reedley property and the preparation of the accounting. The Court notes for the record that it is not ruling on how the remaining vehicles not distributed to Norma Little are to be handled. The matter is continued to 4/23/12. The Court orders that the hearing currently set for 4/26/12 be vacated and rescheduled to 4/23/12.

Note: Notice of Lien, filed on 2/22/12 by the Dowling, Aaron firm (counsel for Norma Little), indicates the law firm is claiming a lien on any and all claims and entitlements of Norma Little in the amount of \$112,393.41 as of 2/1/12.

**Updates:** 

Reviewed: 4-16-12

Recommendation:

Reviewed by: NRN / skc

File: 3A - Little

- On 9/22/09, Respondent petitioned the Fresno court to approve the AGREEMENT; on 9/29/09 he similarly petitioned the Arizona court for approval; on 12/14/09, the Fresno court approved the AGREEMENT;
- On 5/17/10, the Arizona court ordered Respondent's attorney, D. McCarville, to provide all parties with an updated accounting no later than 7/16/10; in disregard of said order, D. McCarville provided the parties with a "First Supplemental Inventory and Appraisement," instead of the court-ordered updated accounting (note: per Declaration of Petitioner, filed 9/9/10, this Inventory filed by Respondent shows values for Decedent's property that are significantly less that the date of death values; nearly a year has passed since the AGREEMENT was executed, and 7 months have passed since the Fresno court approved it;
- Respondent has failed to obtain the Arizona court's approval of the AGREEMENT, has failed to respond to objections filed in Arizona, and has failed to timely administer Decedent's estate, all in violation of the AGREEMENT and his fiduciary duties;
- Respondent's failure to secure Arizona court approval is due in part to D. McCarville's conflicts of interest and Respondent's failure to retain counsel without such conflicts;
  - Specifically, on 11/13/09, Respondent's attorney D. McCarville petitioned the Arizona court for instructions relating to several conflicts of interests, including:
    - D. McCarville's brother and in-laws have an ownership interest in estate assets;
    - Prior to Decedent's death, D. McCarville's brother took out a loan to improve the assets he apparently owns
      with the estate and is apparently owed money by the estate for this loan;
    - D. McCarville's father, T. McCarville, was previously a partner with the attorney who prepared Decedent's
      ante nuptial AGREEMENT and who now faces potential malpractice claims by the estate relating to the ante
      nuptial AGREEMENT; and
    - D. McCarville represents (in other matters) the fiduciary company, East Valley Fiduciary Services/James C. Clark, that has been appointed as guardian and conservatory of Jeremy R. Little, who is Decedent's grandson and the only party objecting to the AGREEMENT with claims adverse to Executor and Petitioner.
    - The Arizona court never issued instructions on these conflicts of interests.
- D. McCarville is delaying Respondent from timely administering Decedent's estate, in part because of conflicts of interest;
- Due to the failures of Respondent and D. McCarville, Petitioner has received none of the property to which she is entitled;
- Petitioner has sought approval from the Arizona court through her counsel, but has been unsuccessful.

#### Petitioner Requests an order:

- 1. Removing Respondent as personal representative (Executor) and revoking Letters;
- 2. That Respondent file an accounting within 60 days of his removal as personal representative;
- 3. Denying appointment of Thomas McCarville as nominated Successor Executor;
- 4. Appointing Petitioner Norma Little as successor personal representative, or in the alternative, appointing a neutral third party as successor personal representative;
- Surcharging Respondent's compensation as Executor pursuant to PrC 12205;
- 6. Enforcing the AGREEMENT by requiring Respondent or successor personal representative to vigorously prosecute the enforcement of the AGREEMENT in the Arizona court and defend objections thereto at the expense of Decedent's estate, requiring Respondent or successor personal representative to obtain counsel who does not represent a conflict of interest with regard to the estate, and by requiring that Respondent or successor personal representative to do all acts necessary to perform the obligations of the AGREEMENT without undue delay;
- 7. For attorneys' fees and costs and for such other orders as the Court deems proper.

#### Response to Petition, filed by Respondent Christopher Little on 9/27/10, states:

- The sole heirs under Decedent's Will are Decedent's son James D. Little and his grandson Jeremy Little;
- Petitioner Norma G. Little ("Petitioner) and Decedent entered into a written agreement prior to their marriage; included in this agreement was a waiver by Petitioner of any right to inherit property from Decedent's estate;
- Currently, the Arizona court has not approved the parties' 8/4/09 AGREEMENT; as such, there is no enforceable settlement
  of the matters and issues between Petitioner and Respondent in this Court, as the terms of the AGREEMENT are expressly
  conditioned upon the approval of the AGREEMENT's terms by both the Fresno Court and the Arizona Court and without
  both court's approval, the AGREEMENT has no force and effect.

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11/16/09;

- On 10/5/09, the Arizona court held a status review hearing regarding the AGREEMENT; at that hearing, Petitioner, Jim Little, and the guardian of Jeremy Little stated their objections to the AGREEMENT; a further status review was scheduled for
  - a. Between 11/16/09 and 4/19/10, the court held several status hearings on matters relating to the administration of the estate and petition to approve the AGREEMENT;
  - b. On 5/17/10, the Arizona court ordered Respondent to provide an updated accounting by 7/16/10, with objections to the AGREEMENT to be filed by 8/20/10, and responses to the objections filed by 9/17/10;
  - c. Respondent filed a 1<sup>st</sup> Supplemental Inventory with the Arizona court on 7/16/10; and thereafter filed a Petition for Approval of 1<sup>st</sup> Interim Accounting on 7/30/10;
  - d. On 8/9/10, counsel for Jim Little's conservator filed an objection to Respondent's petition to approve the AGREEMENT; objections were also filed by counsel for Jeremy Little's guardian on 8/19/10, to which Jim Little filed a joinder;
  - e. Jim and Jeremy Little's primary objections to the AGREEMENT focus on Petitioner's stats as an omitted spouse and the reduced value of assets of Decedent's estate;
  - f. The Arizona court set a settlement conference for 10/19/10;
  - g. Petitioner also filed and MSJ in the Arizona court to compel the court to approve the AGREEMENT and the matter is currently before that court;
  - h. The Arizona court has also set a status review hearing on 11/1/10.
  - i. Petitioner has attended all proceedings before the Arizona court.
  - Petitioner has a significant conflict of interest disqualifying her from serving as personal representative because she has pending creditor's claims and Petitions now pending before this court; though a settlement has been reached through the AGREEMENT, the AGREEMENT has not been approved by the Arizona court and the matter is currently pending;
  - Petitioner has not filed a petition in the Arizona court for removal of Respondent as personal representative; as such, appointment of Petitioner in the Fresno court would provide an unworkable and inconsistent administration of the Decedent's estate, and only further delay the ultimate resolution of this case;
  - Finally, the hearing on David McCarville's Petition for instructions on the conflicts of interest has been continued by the Arizona court each time, and Petitioner's attorney has not objected to any such continuance;
  - **Respondent requests:** An evidentiary hearing; that Petitioner Norma Little's Petition be dismissed with prejudice, and that Petitioner be required to pay Respondent's reasonable attorneys' fees and the costs of this proceeding.

<u>STATUS REPORT, FILED 10/25/10 BY ATTORNEY MILNES, STATES:</u> A mediation was conducted on 10/19/10 and a complete settlement agreement was reached between all parties, and Atty Keeler has undertaken to reduce the settlement agreement to writing as recited on the record.

### Status Report, filed 3/25/11 by Counsel for Norma Little, states:

- The 10/19/10 mediation (as referenced above) resulted in a complete settlement of all matters existing between the parties; and was confirmed by the Pinal County, Arizona Superior Court ("the settlement agreement");
- A draft of the settlement agreement was originally prepared in 11/10 and since then the parties have been negotiating the agreement amongst themselves;
- At the last status conference on 2/16/11, the agreement was still being negotiated and the Court continued the matter to 3/10/11:
- To date, the parties have not been able to agree upon the agreement's provisions relating to primary jurisdiction of this matter; Norma Little contends that as Decedent died in Fresno County, jurisdiction is proper in Fresno County; respondents contend jurisdiction should be set in either Pinal County, AZ or a neighboring AZ county;
- THEREFORE, NORMA LITTLE REQUESTS A FURTHER CONTINUANCE TO ALLOW PARTIES ADD'L TIME TO AGREE ON A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND/OR PETITION THE PINAL CTY SUPERIOR COURT FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE 11/10 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

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#### Status Report, filed 9/13/11 by Attorney Michael Milnes (for Executor/Respondent Christopher Little) states:

- Disputes regarding the AZ Settlement are still ongoing;
- Attorney Milnes has not been involved in the AZ settlement discussions, as what is ultimately resolved in AZ will have to return to this Court for approval (AZ court minute orders attached to Status Report and shows the case's activity for the past 3 months);
- The personal representative has also recently filed an accounting of his activities in AZ and petitions for fees, to be heard in AZ on 10/3/11, and parties to this AZ probate case have until 9/23/11 to file their objections to the accounting and/or petitions for fees;
- As such, future AZ proceedings are dependent upon what occurs as a result of these filings;
- The AZ parties have agreed that Christopher Little shall remain as Executor in both the AZ and CA probate matters;
- Attorney Milnes suggests this matter be set for a further status hearing in 60-90 days.

**3A** 

3B James W. Little (Estate)
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Case No. 08CEPR00870

Keeler, William (of Garvey Schubert Barer, for Norma G. Little – Petitioner)
Milnes, Michael A (for Christopher Brian Little – Executor/Respondent)

Status Hearing Re: Exoneration of Bond and Dismissal

DOD: 7/4/08 **NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:** This Status Hearing was set by the Court on 1/11/12, on the Petition to Remove Executor (see Page 1A). Minute Order states: Ms. Berger-Hoang and James Clark are **CONTINUED FROM 3/7/12,** Cont. from 3/7/12, appearing via conference call as well as Ken 3/21/12 3/21/12 Peace. Ms. Burnside informs the Court that Aff.Sub.Wit. a settlement was submitted to the court in Verified 1. Need proof of Arizona. exoneration of bond and Inventory dismissal, or status PTC **Need Proof of Exoneration of bond and** report. Not.Cred. Dismissal, or Status Report. Notice of Hrg Note: The notes at 3A and 3B have Aff.Mail not been updated further since Page 3C is a Petition for Court Aff.Pub. Approval of Further Settlement, etc. Sp.Ntc. See Page 3C. Pers.Serv. Conf. Screen Letters **Duties/Supp Objections** Video Receipt **CI Report** 9202 Order Aff. Posting Reviewed by: NRN **Reviewed on:** 3/13/12 **Status Rpt UCCJEA Updates: Recommendation:** Citation File 3B – Little **FTB Notice** 

Petition for Court Approval of Further Settlement Agreement, for Order Instructing Personal Representative to Distribute and to Remove or Terminate Personal Representative in Accordance with Settlement Agreement [Cal. Prob. C. 9830, 10501, 10952]

DOD: 7-4-08		NORMA J. LITTLE, Surviving Spouse, is Petitioner.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
		Petitioner states Decedent's estate is pending in this court as well as Pinal County, AZ. Both courts appointed Christopher Little as executor in 2008. Numerous petitions and other disputed matters have been filed in both proceedings, and in 2009, the Court authorized a	Note: The Petition is verified by Attorney William Keeler in place of Petitioner Norma Little pursuant to Probate Code §1023.
	Aff.Sub.Wit.	compromise of creditor's claim and ordered Mr. Little to	Note: According to file documents,
~	Verified	distribute certain residential property, personal property and	the sole heirs under Decedent's will
	Inventory	cash to Petitioner. On 7-29-10, Petitioner filed a Petition to	are Decedent's son James D. Little
	PTC	Remove Executor, for an Accounting, for Appointment of Successor Personal Representative, for Surcharge, and to	and his grandson Jeremy Little.
	Not.Cred.	Enforce Settlement Agreement.	Settlement Agreement is signed by:
	Notice of Hrg	Petitioner states a further settlement agreement was negotiated between numerous parties between October	Petitioner Norma Little and her counsel in both CA and AZ;
	Aff.Mail	2010 and December 2011 to replace the 2009 Agreement.	Jeremy Little and his counsel; and
	Aff.Pub.	The final version attached as Exhibit 4 was approved by the	James C. Clark, Guardian and
	Sp.Ntc.	Arizona courts on 1-30-12.	Conservator of James D. Little,
	Pers.Serv.	The Settlement Agreement appointed a successor personal	and his counsel.
	Conf. Screen	representative, Childers & Berg, LLC, in Arizona, and the	Examiner notes that although
	Letters	Arizona court approved an amended order appointing the successor personal representative.	Christopher Brian Little was removed
	Duties/Supp		as the personal representative in the
	Objections	The Settlement Agreement calls for the distribution of a single California asset, the Reedley real property, and the	AZ proceeding; he was not removed in this CA proceeding and therefore
	Video	encumbrance thereon to Petitioner Norma Little.	must still file a petition for final
	Receipt	Petitioner requests this Court confirm that distribution and	distribution based on this settlement
	CI Report	approve the Settlement Agreement and the terms of the	agreement, if approved. The Court will set status hearing for this.
	9202	settlement as set forth in Judge Olson's 1-30-12 Order	wiii see statas nearing for this.
	Order	Approving Compromise.  Petitioner prays as follows:	It does not appear that the petition at 3A will be dismissed until that occurs.
		<ol> <li>That notice of hearing of the foregoing petition be approved;</li> </ol>	However, with reference to this
		2) That the Court approve the terms of the settlement agreement, as set forth above and pursuant to the	petition, the following items appear to be missing:
	Aff Danie	parties' agreement; and	SEE PAGE 2
	Aff. Posting	3) For such other further relief as the Court may deem just	Reviewed by: skc
	Status Rpt	and proper.	Reviewed on: 4-17-12
	UCCJEA		Updates:  Recommendation:
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## 3C James W. Little (Estate)

**Case No. 08CEPR00870** 

#### **NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:**

- 1. Need Notice of Hearing.
- 2. Need proof of service of Notice of Hearing at least 15 days prior to the hearing pursuant to Probate Code §1220 on Christopher Brian Little (CA Personal Representative)
- 3. Need proof of service of Notice of Hearing with a copy of the petition at least 15 days prior to the hearing pursuant to Request for Special Notice filed 3-27-12 and Probate Code §1252 on:
  - David N. Knudson (attorney for AZ Successor Personal Representative Childers and Berg)
- 4. The Court may also require proof of service of Notice of Hearing at least 15 days prior to the hearing pursuant to Probate Code §1220 on the AZ Successor Personal Representative Childers and Berg directly.

Barron, Richard B. (for Petitioner/Trustee Perine & Dickens Professional Fiduciaries)

Petition of Trustee for Approval of First Account Current, for Approval of Trustees' Fees and for Authorization to Compensate Counsel for the Trustee

			PERINE & DICKENS	NE	EDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			PROFESSIONAL FIDUCIARIES,		
			Trustee, is petitioner.	1.	Attorney costs include copy, postage
					and fax charges totaling \$31.10. Pursuant to Local Rule 7.17B the
Cor	nt. from		Account period: $4/1/11 - 1/31/12$		above costs are considered by the
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Against \$228,402.70		court to be a part of the cost of doing
<b>—</b>	Verified		Accounting - \$228,402.70 Beginning POH- \$0		business and are not reimbursable.
✓	Vernica		Ending POH - \$161,984.16	2.	Disbursement schedule shows a
	Inventory				reimbursement to Janie Jimenez on
	PTC		Attorney - \$3,814.10 (per		7/26/11 for misc. items totaling
	Not.Cred.		itemization and declaration, 20.4 hour @		\$1,333.96 and another on the same
<b>√</b>	Notice of				date for clothing and personal totaling \$1,021.64. There does not appear to
	Hrg		Trustees - <b>\$10,854.00</b> (Trustees		be enough information for the court to
✓	Aff.Mail	W/	are allowed to pay themselves for services rendered at \$120 per hour not to exceed		determine the reasonableness of these large disbursements.
	Aff.Pub.		\$1,500.00 per month. Trustees have		large disbursements.
	Sp.Ntc.		received \$10,680.00 therefore have an		
	Pers.Serv.		outstanding balance due of \$174.00)		
	Conf. Screen				
	Letters		Current bond is \$270,091.70. <b>Petitioner</b>		
	<b>Duties/Supp</b>		request bond be reduced to \$200,000.		
	Objections		Petitioner prays for an Order:		
	Video		remoner prays for an order.		
	Receipt		1. Settling Trustee's First Account and		
	CI Report		allowing, confirming and approving all		
	9202		acts and transactions set forth herein;		
✓	Order		2. Approving fees received by the		
	Aff. Posting		Trustees through 1/31/12 and authorizing the additional sum of	Rev	viewed by: KT
	Status Rpt		\$174.00;		viewed on: 4/16/12
	UCCJEA		3. Reducing the bond to \$200,000.00;		dates:
	Citation		4. Authorizing Trustees to pay their		commendation:
	FTB Notice		attorneys the sum of \$3,814.00 for	File	e 4 - Diaz
			attorney fees and costs.		

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Matlak, Steven M., of Dowling Aaron Inc. (for Petitioner Martin Rodriguez)

## Petition to Appoint Successor Trustee (Probate Code § 15660; 17200; 17201)

Age:	MARTIN RODRIGUEZ, sole income Beneficiary of	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
DOD:	the MARTIN RODRIGUEZ SPECIAL NEEDS	
	<b>TRUST dated 6/30/2011</b> (SNT), is Petitioner.	Note: Petition states the
	<b>1</b>	attorneys for the Trustee
Cont. from	Petitioner states:	[attorneys not identified] will submit a separate fee
Aff.Sub.Wit.	He and the Trustee, <b>PERINE &amp; DICKEN</b> ,     Containing the con	declaration prior to the
✓ Verified	professional fiduciaries consisting of RONALD	hearing on this matter.
	DICKEN, PATRICIA DICKEN, KAREN STEELE, and CHRISTOPHER KENNEDY, have	Court records do not show
Inventory	mutually agreed that a change of Trustee is	such fee declaration has
PTC	warranted at this time for various reasons;	been filed as of 4/16/2012.
Not.Cred.	accordingly, on 2/23/2012 the Trustee signed a	
✓ Notice of	resignation as trustee of the SNT, effective upon the	
Hrg	court's appointment and qualification of a new	
✓ Aff.Mail W/	successor trustee (copy of Resignation of Trustee	
Aff.Pub.	attached as Exhibit B);	
Sp.Ntc.	SNT terms provide that if Perine & Dicken shall for	
Pers.Serv.	any reason fail to qualify or cease to act as trustee,	
Conf. Screen	then a court may appoint a successor trustee upon	
Letters	<ul><li>petition by any interested party; no successor trustee</li><li>was nominated under the terms of the SNT;</li></ul>	
Duties/Supp		
Objections	<ul> <li>By an instrument in writing, Petitioner as</li> <li>Beneficiary of the SNT, has nominated BRUCE D.</li> </ul>	
Video	BICKEL as successor trustee to fill the vacancy	
Receipt	created by the resignation of the current trustee;	
CI Report	(copy of Nomination of Successor Trustee and	
9202	Consent of Nominee attached as Exhibit C);	
√ Order	• The bond amount was set at \$1,139,886.00, which	
Aff. Posting	remains appropriate at this time, and Petitioner	Reviewed by: LEG
Status Rpt	requests the new trustee be ordered to post bond in	Reviewed on: 4/16/12
UCCJEA	this amount;	Updates:
Citation	• Following the Trustee's resignation, the Trustee will	Recommendation:
FTB Notice	file an accounting with the Court as required upon	File 5 - Rodriguez
	the change of Trustee;  • Upon the Court's accordance of the appointment and	
	• Upon the Court's acceptance of the appointment and qualification of Bruce Bickel, the Trustee will	
	transfer all real and personal assets of the SNT to	
	Bruce Bickel as successor trustee, except for a	
	reserve of \$10,000.00 to cover fees, attorney's fees	
	and costs in preparing and obtaining approval of its	
	Final and Supplemental Accounts;	
	~Please see additional page~	
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#### **Petitioner states, continued:**

- Following the transfer of assets, the [former] Trustee will prepare its Final Account for all transactions through that date; and upon the Court's approval of the Final Account, the [former] Trustee will prepare a Supplemental Account describing any disbursements from the reserve and will include their final request for compensation; upon the Court's approval of the Supplemental Account, the [former] Trustee will pay final fees and costs from the reserve and will transfer the balance of the reserve to Bruce Bickel [as successor trustee];
- Petitioner's attorney has performed services in connection with this Petition including communication with Trustee and Petitioner on numerous occasions in attempting to prevent a change in trustee, and when unsuccessful, coordinating the steps required to change trustees; Petitioner alleges that his attorney is entitled to compensation of \$2,215.00 and reimbursement of costs of \$395.00 (please refer to Declaration of Steven Matlak in Support of Request for Attorney Fees and Costs filed 3/23/2012); the attorneys for the Trustee [attorneys not identified] will submit a separate fee declaration prior to the hearing on this matter.

#### Petitioner prays for an order:

- 1. Appointing Bruce Bickel as Successor Trustee of the SNT, with bond set at \$1,139,886.00;
- 2. Directing that Perine & Dicken [as former Trustees] transfer all real and personal assets of the SNT to Bruce D. Bickel as [Successor] Trustee, except a reserve of \$10,000.00 to prepare and file with the Court a Final and Supplemental Account, and after approval by the Court of final fees, transfer the balance of the reserve to Bruce D. Bickel as [Successor] Trustee;
- 3. Directing the Trustee to pay Petitioner's attorney \$2,215.00 for fees and \$395.00 for reimbursement of costs.

John P McCann & Elizabeth A McCann (Trust) Case No. 11CEPR00871 Judd, Darin T. (for Petitioner Daniel J. McCann) Atty

Atty

Foreman, Stewart H. (for Respondents Colleen E. Dempsey and John P. McCann)

First Amended Petition Seeking: 1) Recovery for Respondents' Intentional Interference with Petitioner's Right to Inherit; 2) Recovery for Respondents' Negligent Interference with Petitioner's Right to Inherit; and 3) an Interpretation of Trust Instruments [Prob. C. 17200(b)(1) & (3)]

Trust instruments [Prob. C. 17200(b)(1) & (3)]			
Age:		NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:	
DOD:			
		<b>CONTINUED TO 5-10-12</b>	
Cont. from		Per stipulation filed 4-20-12.	
Aff.Sub.Wit.			
Verified			
Inventory			
PTC			
Not.Cred.			
Notice of			
Hrg			
Aff.Mail			
Aff.Pub.			
Sp.Ntc.			
Pers.Serv.			
Conf. Screen			
Letters			
Duties/Supp			
Objections			
Video			
Receipt			
CI Report			
9202			
Order			
Aff. Posting		Reviewed by: skc	
Status Rpt		Reviewed on: 4-20-12	
UCCJEA		Updates:	
Citation		Recommendation:	
FTB Notice		File 6 - McCann	

**Shirley A. Pratt Living Trust dated 3-19-10** 

Case No. 11CEPR00882

Erlach, Mara M. (for Peggy Morse Holland – acting successor trustee)

Turner, Naomi (pro per – former trustee)

Atty

Atty

Probate Status Hearing Re: Accounting Prepared by Naomi Turner

DOD: 05/25/10	<b>PEGGY MORSE HOLLAND,</b> is the acting	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
	successor trustee of the <b>SHIRLEY A.</b>	
	PRATT LIVING TRUST, dated 03/19/10.	CONTINUED FROM 03/05/12
		Minute order from 03/05/12 states: The
Cont. from 013012	NAOMI TURNER, became a successor co-	Court advises the parties to meet and
030512	trustee on May 23, 2010 and then, upon	discuss issues.
Aff.Sub.Wit.	resignation of co-trustee, <b>DEBORAH</b>	As of 04/12/12, no additional documents
Verified	DIANNE EDMUNDS on 07/16/10, served	As of 04/13/12, no additional documents have been filed.
Inventory	as the sole trustee until resigning on or about 04/28/11.	
PTC	= 0 1/20/11.	1. Need Account and Report of
Not.Cred.	Petition for Order Compelling Trustee to	Trustee (Naomi Turner).
<del></del>	Account and Report, for Surcharge, and	
Notice of Hrg	for Return of Trust Property was filed by	
	Peggy Morse Holland on 09/30/11.	
Aff.Mail	<b>—</b>	
Aff.Pub.	Minute Order from hearing on 11/14/11	
Sp.Ntc.	granted the Petition Compelling Trustee to Account and set this matter for status on	
Pers.Serv.	01/30/12.	
Conf. Screen	——————————————————————————————————————	
Letters	Declaration filed 01/30/12 by Naomi	
Duties/Supp	<b>Turner</b> states: "Doing a Final Accounting	
Objections	for the Trust!". Attached to the declaration	
Video	is a list of disbursements from 06/16/10 –	
Receipt	01/05/11 an additional disbursement page	
CI Report	from $08/24/10 - 05/06/11$ lists checks	
9202	identified as Erin Haney Stolen Money.	
Order	Also attached is a letter from Ms. Turner	
Aff. Posting	outlining all of the problems she has had with Peggy Morse Holland and describing	Reviewed by: JF
Status Rpt	Erin Haney's theft of trust monies.	<b>Reviewed on:</b> 04/13/12
UCCJEA	Emiliancy strict of dust monies.	Updates:
Citation	Minute Order from 03/05/12 states:	Recommendation:
FTB Notice	Counsel informs the Court that she has not	File 7 - Pratt
	received the accounting. Ms. Turner advises	
	the Court that she does not have everything	
	she needs to complete the account such as	
	the receipts and bank statements. The Court	
	orders Ms. Turner to file what she has with	
	the clerk's office and provide a copy to	
	counsel. Counsel is directed to provide Ms.	
	Turner any receipts and bank statements she	
	has for the period of 05/25/10 to 04/28/11.	7

Atty

Vallis, James H. (for Steven Peckham – Executor/Petitioner)

Petition for Final Distribution on Waiver of Account for Allowance of Fees and Report of Executor (Probate C 11640, 12200,1220, 10810)

DOD: 09/01/11	STEVEN PECKHAM, Executor, is	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
, ,	Petitioner.	
	Accounting is waived.	
Cont. from	I & A - \$217,000.00	
Aff.Sub.Wit.	POH - \$217,000.00	
✓ Verified	φ217,000.00	
✓ Inventory	Executor - \$3,500.00 (less than	
✓ PTC	statutory)	
✓ Not.Cred.	Attorney - \$3,500.00 (less than	
✓ Notice of	Attorney - \$3,500.00 (less than statutory)	
Hrg	statutory)	
✓ Aff.Mail w/	Closing - \$200.00	
Aff.Pub.		
Sp.Ntc.	Distribution, pursuant to decedent's will,	
Pers.Serv.	is to:	
Conf. Screen	Steven Peckham - ½ interest in	
Letters 11/10/11	real property and a 1997 Ford Thunderbird	
Duties/Supp	Tom Proposed man a copy of the community	
Objections	Gayle Stevenson - ½ interest in	
Video	real property and a 1997 Ford Thunderbird	
Receipt		
CI Report		
√ 9202		
✓ Order		
Aff. Posting		Reviewed by: JF
Status Rpt		Reviewed on: 04/16/12
UCCJEA		Updates:
Citation		Recommendation: SUBMITTED
✓ FTB Notice		File 8 - Jackson

**Atty** Atty

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Johnson, Robert L. (pro per Petitioner/son)

Johnson, Susie (pro per Petitioner/daughter-in-law)

Petition to Determine Succession to Real Property (Prob. C. 13151)

San	n DOD: 10/3/19	94	ROBERT JOHNSON, son, and	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:	
Cor	Jessie DOD: 8/29/1993  Cont. from 010512, 030512		SUSIE JOHNSON, daughter-in-law, are petitioners.  40 days since DOD.	Continued from 3/5/12. Minute order states no appearances. Examiner notes sent to Robert Johnson. As of 4/13/12 the following issues remain:	
	Aff.Sub.Wit. Verified Inventory PTC Not.Cred. Notice of Hrg Aff.Mail Aff.Pub. Sp.Ntc. Pers.Serv. Conf. Screen Letters Duties/Supp Objections Video Receipt CI Report 9202 Order	X	No other proceedings  I & A – NEED	<ol> <li>Petition includes two decedents. A separate petition is needed for each decedent. Therefore need this petition to be amended to include only one of the decedents and another petition can be filed for the remaining decedent.</li> <li>Petition was filed using a fee waiver. Please note: prior to any order granting distribution of the property all costs of administration, including filing fees, must be paid.</li> <li>Petition is defective in the following areas, including but not limited to:         <ol> <li>Need inventory and appraisal</li> <li>There is no attachment 11 including the legal description and decedent's interest in the property.</li> <li>#9a(3) of the petition was not answered re: issue of predeceased child.</li> <li>The petition indicates the decedents died intestate. The petition also indicates that both petitioners succeed to the property. Pursuant to intestate succession only Robert succeeds to the property therefore only Robert should petition.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	
	Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: KT	
	Status Rpt			Reviewed on: 4/12/12	
	UCCJEA			Updates:	
	Citation			Recommendation:	
	FTB Notice			File 9 - Johnson	

10A Re: Jeri L. Shubin 2007 Trust (Trust)

Case No. 11CEPR01018

Atty Keeler, William J. (for Roberto Garcia – beneficiary/Petitioner)
Atty Phillips, John W. (for Evelyn Lauderdale – Trustee)

Petition to Remove Trustee and for Appointment of Successor Trustee; (2) for Surcharge of Trustee; (3) for Order directing Trustee to Return Trust Property to Trust; (4) and for Order Compelling Trustee to Account and Report [Prob. C. §§ 850, 15642, 16064, 17200(b)]

DOD: 06/29/11	ROBERTO GARCIA, Trust Beneficiary, is	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
	Petitioner.	
		CONTINUED FROM 03/13/12
	Petitioner states:	Minute Order dated 03/13/12 states: Mr. Markeson informs
Cont. from 01/10/12,	1. Decedent created the Jeri L. Shubin 2007 Trust	the Court that they have
022812, 031312	(the "Trust") and a pour-over Will on August 23, 2007;	mediation scheduled for
Aff.Sub.Wit.	2. Decedent amended the Trust on July 1, 2009	05/18/12 regarding all issues.
✓ Verified	(the "First Amendment");	
	3. Decedent amended the Trust a second time on	Notes:
Inventory	December 15, 2009 (the "Second	Consent of Bruce Bickel to serve
PTC	Amendment");	as neutral third party trustee was filed on 02/01/12.
Not.Cred.	4. Decedent amended the Trust a third and final	was med on 02/01/12.
✓ Notice of	time on December 13, 2010;  5 December died on June 20, 2011, et which time	
Hrg	5. Decedent died on June 29, 2011, at which time the Trust became irrevocable;	
✓ Aff.Mail	6. Petitioner is a named beneficiary of the Trust	
Aff.Pub.	and also was nominated as second successor	
Sp.Ntc.	trustee in the Third Amendment to the Trust;	
Pers.Serv.	7. Petitioner states that Evelyn Lauderdale is the	
Conf. Screen	current acting trustee;	
Letters	8. Petitioner states that Evelyn Lauderdale is a	
Duties/Supp	contingent beneficiary only, in that she	
Objections	succeeds to the personal property of the Trust only in the event the decedent did not leave a	
Video	letter of instructions governing the distribution	
Receipt	of such property;	
CI Report	9. Petitioner states that Evelyn Lauderdale was	
9202	present when decedent discussed her estate	
✓ Order	planning with her attorney as was aware that	
Aff. Posting	she was solely a contingent beneficiary and	Reviewed by: JF
Status Rpt	successor trustee of the Trust;	Reviewed on: 04/16/12
UCCJEA	10. Petitioner states that Evelyn Lauderdale was a co-owner of a Chase bank account with the	Updates:
Citation	decedent due to the decedent needing assistance	Recommendation:
FTB Notice	in paying bills as her health declined;	File 10A - Shubin
	11. Petitioner states that decedent owned	
	investment accounts with Merrill Lynch, John	
	Hancock, and Wells Fargo Financial either	
	individually or in her capacity as trustee of the	
	Trust and Petitioner understands that certain	
	individuals, including the Petitioner, were pay- on-death beneficiaries of one of more of these	
	accounts;	
	12. Petitioner states that Evelyn Lauderdale was not	
	an authorized signer on any of these accounts;	
	See Page 2 for more information	

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- 13. Petitioner states that in or around May 2011, while the decedent was in the hospital, Evelyn Lauderdale went to Merrill Lynch, John Hancock, and Wells Fargo Financial, and using a durable power of attorney signed by decedent, transferred between \$150,000.00 \$250,000.00 from the decedent's investment accounts into the Chase account she co-owned with the decedent;
- 14. Petitioner states that the decedent did not know about and did not authorize Ms. Lauderdale to make such transfers;
- 15. Petitioner states that upon the decedent's death, the funds in the Chase account reverted to Ms. Lauderdale by operation of law;
- 16. Petitioner states that after decedent's death, Ms. Lauderdale closed the Chase account without any accountings having been given to the decedent before her death or to any other person with an interest in the funds, including the Petitioner or other pay-on-death beneficiaries of the investment accounts;
- 17. Petitioner states that he does not know what happened to the funds that were in the Chase account when Ms. Lauderdale closed the account;
- 18. Petitioner states that Ms. Lauderdale's removal of the funds from the decedent's accounts, without the decedent's knowledge or consent, constituted fraud on the decedent and on the intended beneficiaries of the accounts, including the beneficiaries of the Trust;
- 19. Petitioner states that as a result of her wrongful conduct, Ms. Lauderdale has breached her duties as successor trustee of the Trust and holds funds removed from the investment accounts;
- 20. Petitioner states that Ms. Lauderdale should be removed as trustee of the Trust and should be made to account and report for the funds she took from decedent's investment accounts and for her administration of the Trust estate;
- 21. Petitioner further states that Ms. Lauderdale, as successor trustee of the Trust, has a fiduciary duty to administer the Trust according to the Trust Instrument and applicable law, keep trust property separate from other property not subject to the Trust and see that the Trust property is designated as property of the Trust;
- 22. Further, Petitioner states that the Ms. Lauderdale, as successor trustee of the Trust, has a duty to keep the beneficiaries of the Trust reasonably informed of the Trust and its administration;
- 23. Petitioner alleges that Ms. Lauderdale has taken possession of Trust property and titled it in her own name individually. This property includes, but is not limited to, the funds taken from decedent's investment accounts;
- 24. Petitioner alleges that Ms. Lauderdale intentionally chose to act to her own benefit instead of to the benefit of the beneficiaries of the Trust, all contrary to her duties and responsibilities as successor trustee;
- 25. Petitioner also states that Ms. Lauderdale, in her capacity as successor trustee, has intentionally sought to harm Petitioner's interest as a beneficiary of the Trust by bringing a trust contest in the unlimited civil department of Fresno Superior Court (Case No. 11CECG02841), by failing to fully disclose in her pleadings the amendments to the Trust, which grant property to the Petitioner, by failing to disclose the existence of certificates of independent review related to the amendments to the Trust which grant property to the Petitioner, by failing to object to the amendments during the decedent's lifetime despite having been present at the time of their creation, and by seeking a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction against Petitioner enjoining him from accessing the trailer without filing an unlawful detainer action and without disclosing Petitioner's entitlement to that property under the amendments to the Trust;

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26. Petitioner alleges that by her actions, Ms. Lauderdale has intentionally and willfully breached her fiduciary duties to the beneficiaries of the Trust, including Petitioner, thereby causing damage to the Petitioner and the other Trust beneficiaries;

## Petitioner requests an Order:

- 1. Immediately removing Ms. Lauderdale as trustee of the Trust;
- 2. Appointing a neutral third-party as successor trustee;
- 3. Directing Ms. Lauderdale to prepare and file an account and report of her administration of the Trust for the period of May 1, 2011 up to and including her removal as successor trustee of the Trust, and set the account and report for hearing upon proper notice;
- 4. Directing Ms. Lauderdale to turn over to the successor trustee all assets in her possession or control removed from decedent's investment accounts, as well as any other assets properly belonging to the Trust;
- 5. Surcharging Ms. Lauderdale according to proof;
- 6. For damages according to proof;
- 7. For punitive damages in an amount warranted by Ms. Lauderdale's intentional and willful breach of her fiduciary duties;
- 8. For any other relief the Court deems just and proper.

Evelyn Lauderdale's Opposition to Petition to Remove Trustee and for Appointment of a Successor Trustee; For Surcharge of Trustee; For Order Directing Trustee to Return Trust Property to Trust; and for order Compelling Trustee to Account and Report filed 01/09/12 states:

Respondent, Evelyn Lauderdale specifically admits and denies the various allegations in the Petition.

Respondent states that she is in the process of preparing the statutory accounting for the Trust and states that the accounting should be finalized by late January or early February 2012. Respondent states that several of the allegations in the Petition are best responded to through the accounting and requests that the court defer ruling on this Petition until the accounting has been finalized and submitted to the parties and the Court.

Respondent states that this Petition is a response to litigation filed against the Petitioner based on his actions regarding the decedent and her assets prior to her death. Respondent alleges in that litigation that Petitioner, in a predatory manner, embarked on a scheme to lull decedent into a sense of security by promising to care for all of her needs, when Petitioner secretly intended to loot decedent, her estate and rightful beneficiaries of the assets of the estate by wrongfully coercing decedent to execute amendments to the Trust.

Respondent states that she is pursuing this litigation on behalf of the Trust to restore assets to the Trust to which omitted beneficiaries contend they are entitled. Respondent states that it is questionable whether a newly appointed "neutral" third party successor trustee would pursue such complex litigation.

Respondent further states that she has not transferred any assets of the Trust, other than as instructed by either the Fresno Police Department, her attorneys, or the decedent prior to her death and on that basis denies the suggestion of impropriety.

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## Respondent requests a judgment as follows:

- 1. Denying the Petitioners request to remove Respondent as Trustee;
- 2. Denying the Petitioner's request directing Respondent to prepare and file an account and report for the period beginning May 1, 2011;

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- 3. Denying Petitioner's request that the Respondent turn over all possessions in her control to a successor Trustee;
- 4. Denying Petitioner's request that Respondent be surcharged;
- 5. Denying Petitioner's request for damages;
- 6. Denying Petitioner's request for punitive damages; and
- 7. Any other relief the Court deems proper.

10B Re: Jeri L. Shubin 2007 Trust (Trust)

Case No. 11CEPR01018

Keeler, William J. (for Roberto Garcia – Beneficiary) Atty Phillips, John W. (for Evelyn Lauderdale - Trustee/Petitioner) Atty

Petition to Determine Validity of Purported First and Third Amendments to Trust and to Impose Constructive Trust (Prob. C. 17200, et seq., 21350, et seq; and 21360 et seq)

DOD: 06/29/11			<b>EVELYN LAUDERDALE,</b> Trustee of the Jeri L.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			Shubin 2007 Trust, is Petitioner.	
				CONTINUED FROM 03/13/12
			Petitioner alleges:	Minute Order dated 03/13/12
Cor	nt. from 022312	2.	1. Jeri L. Shubin (the "Decedent"), died June 29,	states: Mr. Markeson informs the Court that they have mediation
	2812, 031312	-,	2011, a resident of Fresno County, and left	scheduled for 05/18/12 regarding all
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		property in Fresno County.	issues.
<b>√</b>	Verified		2. On August 23, 2007, Decedent executed a Declaration of Trust known as the Jeri L.	133463.
Ť	Inventory		Shubin 2007 Trust that called for distribution	1. Need Order.
	PTC		of its assets as follows:	
			a. Personal property to be distributed	Notes:
_	Not.Cred.		pursuant to a letter of instruction to the	Consent to Serve as Neutral Third
<b>√</b>	Notice of		trustee, or in the absence of such a	Party Successor Trustee by Bruce
<b>√</b>	Hrg	,	letter, in equal shares to James Shubin	Bickel was filed 02/01/12.
<b>v</b>	Aff.Mail	w/	and Gary Shubin;	
	Aff.Pub.		b. Real property located at 4104 E.	
	Sp.Ntc.		Washington, Fresno to Rick Davis;	
	Pers.Serv.		c. Any residue, 1/3 to Gary Shubin, 1/3 to James Shubin, and 1/3 to various	
	Conf. Screen		charities.	
	Letters		3. On July 1, 2009, the Decedent executed a	
	Duties/Supp		document purported to be the first amendment	
✓	Objections		to the trust. This amendment passes personal	
	Video		property to Marlene Gunion in the absence of	
	Receipt		a letter to the Trustee; real property at 4104 E.	
	CI Report		Washington, Fresno to Rick Davis; 31.9 acres	
	9202		of real property to William Buchnoff; real	
	Order	Х	property at 1582 N. Humboldt, a 1991 trailer,	
	Aff. Posting		a 1997 Ford Explorer, and Bank of America	Reviewed by: JF
	Status Rpt		bank account ending in 04563 to Roberto Garcia; and the residue of the estate to be	Reviewed on: 04/16/12
	UCCJEA		divided 1/3 to Gary Shubin (with certain	Updates:
	Citation		restrictions), 1/3 to James Shubin (with certain	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice		restrictions), and \$250,000.00 of the remaining	File 10B - Shubin
			1/3 to charities named in the original trust,	
			with the balance to Roberto Garcia.	
			4. On December 15, 2009 the Decedent executed	
			a Second Amendment to her Trust adding a	
			specific distribution of real property located at	
			2045 W. San Ramon, Fresno to Marlene	
			Gunion.	
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			Cont'd on Page 2	

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- 5. On December 13, 2010, Decedent executed a document purported to be a Third Amendment to her Trust. This Third Amendment revokes the second Amendment and affirms the First, except that it passes the personal property to Petitioner (Evelyn Lauderdale) in the absence of a letter of instruction; passes the 1991 trailer and real property located at 2045 W. San Ramon, Fresno to Roberto Garcia; and passes the residue of the Trust 1/3 to Gary Shubin (with certain restrictions), 1/3 to James Shubin (with certain restrictions), and the remaining 1/3 to the charities originally designated in the Trust.
- **6.** On May 17, 2011, Decedent executed a Fourth Amendment to the Trust which appointed Petitioner to act as Co-Trustee with the Decedent.

Petitioner request that the Court rescind and nullify the purported First and Third Amendments to the Trust on the following grounds:

- A. First Ground: Lack of Capacity
  - 1. At the time of the alleged execution of the purported Trust Amendments, the Decedent was not of sound and disposing mind. The Decedent did not have the sufficient mental capacity to understand the nature of her actions in executing the purported Trusts, understand and recollect the nature and situation of her property, or remember or understand her relationship to her family members.
- B. Second Ground: Undue Influence
  - 1. The purported Trust Amendments were executed as a direct result of undue influence exerted on the Decedent by Roberto Garcia. This undue influence consisted of the following:
    - a. Roberto Garcia was a confidant to the Decedent for approximately 3 years before and up to the time of her death;
    - b. Mr. Garcia had a friendly and confidential relationship with Decedent, who trusted and had confidence in Mr. Garcia;
    - c. Mr. Garcia took over the decedent's financial affairs'
    - d. At the time the amendments were signed and at the time of the Decedent's death, she was aged and infirm, and suffered from memory problems. As a result of these mental infirmities, Decedent was easily influenced and controlled by Mr. Garcia;
    - e. Mr. Garcia actively procured the purported Trust as part of a pattern of conduct aimed at gaining control of the Decedent's major assets;
    - f. During the last few months of the Decedent's life, Mr. Garcia took active steps to isolate Decedent and prevent her from having contact with family members;
    - g. The Trust Amendments confer an undue benefit on Mr. Garcia. Mr. Garcia "moved in" on the Decedent during the last few years of her life, taking over ever greater control of the Decedent's life and financial affairs. Before becoming a confidant to the Decedent, Mr. Garcia had been a stranger to the Decedent.
- C. Third Ground: Duress and Menace
  - 1. The apparent consent of Decedent to the First and Third Amendments to the Trust was obtained by Mr. Garcia's duress and menace. Decedent made statements to persons during the course of executing the purported Amendments that she feared Mr. Garcia and feared not executing the purported Amendments. Petitioner alleges that Mr. Garcia coached and practiced with Decedent what she was supposed to tell the attorney who drafted the purported Amendments, as well as another attorney who executed Independent Certificate of Reviews relating to the Decedent's will. Decedents will passes her entire estate to her Trust. Petitioner states that the Decedent would not have consented to the First and Third Amendments absent the conduct of Mr. Garcia.

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- D. Fourth Ground: Prohibited Transferee.
  - 1. Probate Code § 21350 et seq. prohibits Mr. Garcia from succeeding to any interest under the purported First and Third Amendments to the Trust as he was a care custodian to the Decedent as defined under Section 15610.7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and the Decedent would have been a dependent adult under the definition set forth in Welfare and Institutions Code § 15160.23 had she been between the ages of 18 and 64. Petitioner further alleges that an independent attorney did review the Decedent's will with her, but according to the Certificates of Independent Review, did not review the purported trust amendments with her.
- E. Fifth Ground: Prohibited Transferee.
  - 1. Mr. Garcia is prohibited by Probate Code § 21360 et seq. from succeeding to any interest under the purported first and third amendments to the trust, as he was a care custodian of the Decedent as defined under section 21362 of the Probate Code and the Decedent was a dependent adult as defined under Probate Code § 21366(a). Petitioner alleges that the purported transfers are presumed to be the product of fraud and undue influence by virtue of Probate Code § 21380, subjecting Mr. Garcia to all costs, including reasonable attorney fees, should he fail to rebut the presumption (See Probate Code § 21380(d)).
  - 2. Because of the Decedent's lack of capacity, Mr. Garcia's exertion of undue influence, menace and duress over the Decedent, and/or because he was a prohibited transferee, Mr. Garcia holds title to trust assets as well as income therefrom, as constructive trustee for the benefit of persons entitled to distribution of the Decedent's estate. Those assets include cash and other personal property according to proof.

### Petitioner prays for an order:

- 1. Finding the purported First and Third Amendments to the Trust void due to the mental incapacity of the Decedent;
- 2. Finding the purported First and Third Amendments to the Trust void due to the undue influence of Mr. Garcia;
- 3. Finding the purported First and Third Amendments to the Trust void due to the duress and/or menace of Mr. Garcia over the Decedent;
- 4. Declaring that Mr. Garcia holds any and all assets of the Trust that he has received already in trust, for the person entitled to distribution of the estate of the Decedent;
- 5. For costs of suit herein, including attorney fees, to the extent allowed by law;
- 6. Finding that Mr. Garcia is a prohibited transferee pursuant to Probate Code § 21350 et seq. and invalidating those provisions of the purported first and third Amendments to the Trust that purport to make gifts to Mr. Garcia.

## Objection to Petition to Determine Validity of Purported First and Third Amendments to the Trust and to Impose Constructive Trust filed 02/16/12 by Roberto Garcia denies all of the allegations in the Petition except:

- 1. That the first amendment purports to convey 31.9 acres to William Buchnoff. Mr. Garcia alleges that the first amendment actually purports to convey 39.1 acres to William Buchnof.
- 2. That the fourth amendment purports to appoint Petitioner to act as co-trustee with the Decedent.
- 3. That Mr. Garcia had a friendly relationship with the Decedent.
- 4. That the address for the SPCA stated in the Petition is correct. Mr. Garcia also admits that McCormick Barstow has filed a request for special notice on behalf of the SPCA.

## Mr. Garcia makes the following affirmative defenses:

1. The Petition and each and every cause of action therein does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action against the Respondent.

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  - 2. Petitioner lacks sufficient legal standing to maintain each and every cause of action alleged in the Petition.
  - 3. The acts, errors and omissions of Petitioner constitute unclean hands and therefore bar any relief.
  - 4. Petitioner is estopped from pursuing the causes of action set forth in the Petition.
  - 5. The causes of action stated in the petition were not timely filed and are barred by the applicable statute of limitation set forth by California law, including, but not limited to: the California Code of Civil Procedure, California Civil Code, and the California Probate Code.
  - 6. Petitioner has not brought and served in a timely manner but has delayed in bringing and serving suit until a substantial time after the alleged causes of action accrued. This delay worked to the Respondent's prejudice and thus this action and any claim purported therein is barred by the Doctrine of Laches.

#### Respondent prays for a judgment:

- 1. That Petitioner take nothing on the basis of her Petition to Determine the Validity of the Purported First and Third Amendments to the Trust and to impose constructive trust;
- 2. That the first and third amendments be found to be valid trust amendments;
- 3. That the Respondent be awarded costs of suit herein incurred; and
- 4. That the Respondent be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees to the extent permissible by contract or statute.

Keeler, William J. (for Roberto Garcia – beneficiary/Petitioner) Atty

Phillips, John W. (for Evelyn Lauderdale – Trustee) Atty

Petition for Preliminary Distribution and Injunction (Prob. C. 17200; CCP 526)

DOD: 06/29/11				ERTO GARCIA, Trust Beneficiary, is	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			Petitio	ner.	
					CONTINUED FROM 03/13/12
				oner states:	Minute Order dated 03/13/12 states: Mr. Markeson informs
Cor	nt. from 031312		1.	Decedent created the Jeri L. Shubin 2007	the Court that they have
	Aff.Sub.Wit.			Trust (the "Trust") and a pour-over Will on	mediation scheduled for
<b>√</b>	Verified		2	August 23, 2007; Decedent amended the Trust four times during	05/18/12 regarding all issues.
Ė			۷.	the course of her life, first on July 1, 2009,	00, 10, 11 1 0841 41118 411 10041001
	Inventory			second on December 15, 2009, third on	
	PTC			December 13, 2010, and a final time on May	1. Need Order.
	Not.Cred.			27, 2011;	
✓	Notice of		3.	Decedent amended her Will once on	
	Hrg			December 13, 2010;	
<b>√</b>	Aff.Mail	w/	4.	Decedent died on June 29, 2011 a resident of	
	Aff.Pub.			Fresno County;	
	Sp.Ntc.		5.	Petitioner, Roberto Garcia, was a close friend	
	Pers.Serv.			of Decedent and is a beneficiary of the Trust	
	Conf. Screen			pursuant to the First, Second, Third and Fourth Amendments. Petitioner is also nominated as	
	Letters			the second successor executor in the first	
	Duties/Supp			codicil to the Decedent's Will;	
	Objections		6.	Paragraph 5 of the third amendment to the	
	Video			Trust amends paragraph 6 of the original	
	Receipt			document to include "The Trustee shall	
	CI Report			distribute the real property described in Item	
	9202			No. 1 in Exhibit A attached to the Jeri L.	
	Order	Х		Shubin 2007 Trust, with a common address of	
	Aff. Posting			2045 W. San Ramon, Fresno, California (APN 415-520-44) to Roberto Garcia, if he	Reviewed by: JF
	Status Rpt			survives";	<b>Reviewed on:</b> 04/16/12
	UCCJEA		7.	This specific bequest was noT subsequently	Updates:
	Citation			amended or revoked in the fourth amendment;	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice		8.	Evelyn Lauderdale ("Trustee") is the acting	File 10C - Shubin
				trustee of the Trust;	
			9.	There are currently three lawsuits pending	
				between Petitioner and Trustee: a Second	
				Amended Complaint for Damages filed by	
				Trustee that is currently before Honorable	
				Alan J. Simpson in Department 503 of the	
				Fresno Superior Court, a Petition to Determine the Validity of the first and third amendments	
				to the Trust, filed in this Court by the Trustee,	
				and a Petition to Remove Trustee filed in this	
				Court by Petitioner;	
L				<b>Continued on Page 2</b>	
				Continued on 1 age 2	

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- 10. In the Second Amended Complaint for Damages, Trustee alleges causes of action for Fraud, Elder Abuse, Conversion, Accounting, Recovery of Funds pursuant to Probate Code § 850, and Undue Influence. In the prayer for relief however, Trustee seeks only the following:
  - a. An order invalidating transfers of trust assets of the Plaintiff previously designated for transfer to Defendant Garcia and an order restoring title to the same in the trust;
  - b. A declaration of the rights, duties, and obligations of the parties herein;
  - c. An order that Defendant be required to account to Plaintiff for misappropriated funds and assets set forth;
  - d. An order that Defendant be subject to surcharge under the Probate Code for any interest Defendant may have in trust properties or assets;
  - e. For compensatory damages in amount according to proof;
  - f. For exemplary and punitive damages;
  - g. For interest at the legal rate on the sums alleged pursuant to § 3288 of the California Civil Code;
  - h. For attorney's fees pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code § 15657.5;
  - i. For costs of suit, equitable relief, for trial by jury, and other such relief the Court deems just and proper;
  - j. For treble damages pursuant to Civil Code §3345; and
  - k. For judgment for twice the value of the property recovered as provided by Probate Code § 859.
- 11. In the Second Amended Complaint, Trustee does not seek an order finding any of the amendments, including the fourth amendment invalid;
- 12. In the Petition to Determine Validity of Purported First and Third Amendments to the Trust, Trustee seeks only to invalidate the First and Third Amendments to the Trust and does not seek to impair the enforceability of the Fourth Amendment;
- 13. Because Trustee does not seek to invalidate the Fourth Amendment, Petitioner is entitled to receive the real property at 2045 W. San Ramon, Fresno, CA (the "Property) regardless of the outcome of the ongoing litigation;
- 14. Petitioner is currently residing in the 1991 Travel Trailer Holra located in the rear of the property at 2045 W. San Ramon. Petitioner began living in the trailer before Decedent's death and with her permission, and Decedent intended for Petitioner to receive both the trailer and the property upon her death, according to the all of the amendments of the Trust;
- 15. The property at 2045 W. San Ramon is currently vacant and has been since Decedent's death;
- 16. Because Petitioner is entitled to receive the property pursuant to the terms of the third amendment to the Trust, because the Fourth Amendment to the Trust explicitly republishes the provisions of the Trust as amended, because the outcome of the ongoing litigation will not affect Petitioner's entitlement to the Property, and because the Property is currently vacant, Petitioner requests that this Court order Trustee to distribute the Property to him as a preliminary distribution;
- 17. Petitioner is entitled to occupy the Property because it was specifically bequeathed to him by the Decedent in the amendments to the Trust and Petitioner will suffer imminent and irreparable harm if he is not permitted to occupy the Property because he is currently expecting the birth of his first child and is being forced to reside in a cramped, ill-equipped trailer located on the same parcel of real property as a house he would be entitled to occupy but for the actions of the Trustee;
- **18.** It is unlikely the Trustee will prevail in invalidating two of the four amendments to the Trust because Decedent obtained certificates of independent review in order to ensure that Petitioner would receive the Property, among other assets, upon her death;
- **19.** The residence on the Property is currently unoccupied, additionally, according to the Trustee, the location of the trailer and Petitioner's presence therein has generated fees and other financial penalties due to zoning violations that have been charged against the Trust. The extent of these fees is such that Trustee has previously attempted to impermissibly evict Petitioner from the trailer through a temporary restraining order filed in connection with the pending lawsuit in Department 503. Consequently, failure to allow

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Petitioner to occupy the Property will result in waste to the Trust because the Property will be unoccupied, more expensive (if not impossible) to insure, and will cause additional fees to be charged against the Trust as a result of Petitioner's residence in the trailer;

20. The Trustee and the Trust will suffer no harm in the event that Petitioner is entitled to occupy the Property. In fact, the Trustee and the trust estate stand to benefit substantially if Petitioner is entitled to occupy the Property because Trustee will be able to insure the Property at a reduced rate and will be able to rectify the zoning issues associated with the Trailer.

## **Petitioner requests an Order:**

- 1. Instructing Trustee to transfer Property to Petitioner pursuant to the Jeri L. Shubin 2007 Trust, as amended;
- 2. Prohibiting Trustee from taking any action that would prevent Petitioner from occupying the residence located on the Property;
- 3. Awarding Petitioner attorney's fees and costs as allowed by law; and
- 4. Granting such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

# Trustee Evelyn C. Lauderdale's Opposition to Petition, filed 3/12/12, <u>both admits certain allegations and denies others</u> and states in part:

- Ms. Lauderdale admits Roberto Garcia is a beneficiary of amendments 1-3 to the Trust, but denies he was a close friend of Decedent or that he is a beneficiary of the 2d and 4<sup>th</sup> amendments;
- Ms. Lauderdale has filed an action in this Court to invalidate the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> amendments, and said petition is in progress in the Court;
- Per the 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment (which Ms. Lauderdale seeks to invalidate) Roberto Garcia is to receive the residence, and he will only receive the residence should he prevail;
- Ms. Lauderdale admits the residence is unoccupied and that the travel trailer on the property has generated fees due to zoning violations as alleged; Ms. Lauderdale admits she tried to have a temporary restraining order against Petitioner, but denies the attempt was impermissible or that vacancy will create waste.

### Ms. Lauderdale prays for an order:

- 1. Denying Roberto Garcia's request for preliminary distribution;
- 2. Denying Roberto Garcia's request that the trustee be prohibited from taking action to keep Roberto Garcia from occupying the property;
- 3. Denying Roberto Garcia's request for attorney fee and costs.

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Atty Keeler, William J. (for Roberto Garcia – beneficiary)

Phillips, John W. (for Evelyn Lauderdale – Trustee/Petitioner)

Evelyn C. Lauderdale's First Account and Petition to Settle First Account

DOD: 06/29/11			EVELYN LAUDERDALE, Trustee, is N	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			Petitioner.	·
				1. A Request for Special Notice was
			Account period: 06/29/11 – 12/31/11	filed by Jeffrey Reid of McCormick,
Col	Cont. from			Barstow, Sheppard on 12/16/11.
-	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Accounting - \$4,830,198.00	Need proof of service of Notice of Hearing at least 30 days before the
			Beginning POH - \$4,560,779.00	hearing at least 50 days before the
Ě	Verified		Ending POH - \$4,330,307.00	Request for Special Notice. It is
	Inventory		Trustee - Not requested	noted that Mr. Reid was mailed a
	PTC		11ustee - Not lequested	copy of the Petition before it was
	Not.Cred.		Attorney - \$26,547.75	filed, however this copy would not
✓	Notice of		(for services rendered for Petitioner during	have included the hearing date.
	Hrg		the account period, including pursuing	
✓	Aff.Mail	w/	several litigation matters regarding the trust,	
	Aff.Pub.		including responding to actions brought	
	Sp.Ntc.		against the trustee, pursuing actions for	
	Pers.Serv.		return of trust property and to invalidate	
	Conf. Screen		two amendments to the trust)	
	Letters		Detition on proves for an Ondon	
	Duties/Supp		Petitioner prays for an Order:  1. Settling and allowing the account as	
	Objections		filed;	
	Video		2. Ratifying, confirming, and	
	Receipt		approving all of the acts and	
	CI Report		transactions of Petitioner as trustee;	
	9202		and	
✓	Order		3. Reserving reasonable compensation	
	Aff. Posting		to Petitioner for ordinary services	Reviewed by: JF
	Status Rpt		rendered as trustee to a later date;	Reviewed on: 04/16/12
	UCCJEA			Jpdates:
	Citation		R	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice		F	File 10D - Shubin

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Durost, Linda K., sole practitioner (for Petitioners Alfredo Solis and Carol Solis)

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person (Prob. C. 1510)

Age: 14 years			NO TEMPORARY REQUESTED
DOB: 6/14/1997			_
-			ALFREDO SOLIS and CAROL
			<b>SOLIS</b> , paternal grandparents, are Petitioners.
Cont. from			paternal grandparents, are retitioners.
-	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Father: ROBERT ANTHONY SOLIS
<b>—</b>	Verified		
	Inventory		Mother: GLORIA MOSQUEDA
	PTC		Maternal grandfather: Vincent
	Not.Cred.		Mosqueda
1	Notice of		Maternal grandmother: Hilda Povelata;
	Hrg		sent notice by mail 2/28/2012;
<b>—</b>	Aff.Mail	W/	<b>Petitioners state</b> the child has lived
	Aff.Pub.	VV/	with them since he was five years old,
	Sp.Ntc.		and they have cared for him financially
	Pers.Serv.	Х	and emotionally since that time.
<b>-</b>		^	Petitioners state there have been no orders of custody made for either
Ě	Conf. Screen		parent, and the child's father is not
	Aff. Posting	l	listed on the child's birth certificate and
<u> </u>	Duties/Supp		he does not see the child regularly.
	Objections		Petitioners state that the child requested
	Video		they obtain guardianship of him, and
بـــاا	Receipt		that the child's mother has agreed to this petition for guardianship.
<b>✓</b>	CI Report		petition for guardiansing.
<b>√</b>	Clearances		Petitioners request powers and duties
✓	Order		as guardians of the person under Probate
			Code § 2351 – 2358 be granted as to the proposed ward. ( <i>Please refer to Note at</i>
			right.)
			Petitioners request notice to the
			maternal grandfather, Vincent
			Mosqueda, be dispensed with because Petitioners are informed that the minor's
			mother has never met her father and she
			does not know where he resides, and the
<b>√</b>	Lottors		only information known about his
<u> </u>	Letters Status Pot		location is that he resides somewhere in
<b>√</b>	Status Rpt UCCJEA		Mexico.
<u> </u>	Citation		Court Investigator Dina Calvillo's Report
	FTB Notice		was filed 4/10/2012.
	r i b ivotice		

#### **NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:**

- 1. Need proof of 15 days' personal service of the Notice of Hearing with a copy of the Petition for Appointment of Guardian, or Consent to Appointment of Guardian and Waiver of Notice pursuant to Probate Code § 1511(b)(3) for:
  - Gloria Mosqueda, mother; (Note: Nomination of Guardian (Section 2) filed 2/21/2012 is insufficient to indicate consent to appointment and waiver of notice by the mother. Additionally, notice to a parent must be by personal service rather than by mail as indicated on Proof of Service filed 2/29/2012.)
  - Robert A. Solis, father; (Note: notice to a parent must be by personal service rather than by mail as indicated on Proof of Service filed 2/29/2012.)
  - Robert Mosqueda, proposed ward (age 14.)
- Need one set of proposed letters signed by both Petitioners (two sets of proposed letters were submitted signed individually by each Petitioner.)

Note: Item 1(e) of the *Petition* requests orders be granted relating to the powers and duties of the proposed guardian of the person that are listed in Attachment I(e) to the Petition. The powers and duties listed are conferred on guardians of the person as a matter of course until a ward reaches age 18. Proposed order and letters contain attachments listing these powers and duties; however, such attachments would only be required in such cases as allowed under Probate Code § 2358 for insertion of "conditions not otherwise obligatory" of the guardian, or in a case where these powers are sought to be limited in some fashion. Proposed order and letters have been altered in that the submitted attachments have been removed to prevent confusion.

Reviewed by: LEG
Reviewed on: 4/16/12
Updates:
Recommendation:
File 11 – Mosqueda

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## Atty Perkins, Jan T., of Perkins Mann & Everett (for Petitioner Socorro Reynaga)

## Petition to Determine Succession to Real Property (Prob. C. 13151)

DOD: 8/14/2011			SOCORRO REYNAGA, daughter, is Petitioner.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
Cont. from	m Gub.Wit.		40 days since DOD.	Page 1 of this calendar is the Twentieth and Final Account of the Conservatorship Estate of the deceased Conservatee, Catalina Miranda.
✓ Verif ✓ Inveri	ntory		No other proceedings.	Note: Proposed Order Determining Succession to Real Property associated with this
		W/	I & A - \$36,826.79	matter should be considered and signed by the Court in conjunction with the proposed Order Settling the Twentieth
Aff.P	Pub.	VV/	Decedent died intestate.	Account in the Conservatorship Estate of Catalina Miranda (Case #0380281.)
Lette	F. Screen ers es/Supp		<b>Petitioner requests</b> Court determination that Decedent's <b>100% interest</b> in a 1/3 interest in real	
	ections		property located on Hughes in Fresno, a 1/9 interest in real property located on Hughes in Fresno, a 1/3 interest in a wheelchair, and remaining cash on hand	
CI Re 9202 ✓ Orde			passes to the Petitioner pursuant to intestate succession.	
Aff. I Statu UCCJ	Posting us Rpt JEA			Reviewed by: LEG  Reviewed on: 4/13/12  Updates:
Citat FTB I	tion Notice			Recommendation: File 12 - Miranda

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Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person (Prob. C. 1510)

	Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person (Prob. C. 1510)						
Jalen age: 15 years THERE IS NO TEMPORARY.		NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:					
DOB: 5/13/1996			No temporary was requested.				
Kierra age: 13 years		S		1.	Need Notice of Hearing.		
DC	B: 1/16/1999		VERNEAL LOCKE, maternal				
			grandmother, is petitioner.	2.	Need proof of <u>personal</u> service of the		
					Notice of Hearing along with a copy of the Petition or Consent and Waiver of		
	nt. from		Father (Jalen): <b>JULIUS</b>		Notice or Declaration of Due Diligence		
<u> </u>		1	ARRINGTON		on:		
-	Aff.Sub.Wit.		ARRINGTON		a. Julius Arrington (Jalen's father)		
✓	Verified				b. Troy Hollowell (Kierra's father)		
	Inventory		Father (Kierra): <b>TROY</b>		c. Kelisa Kirnon (mother) – The		
	PTC		HALLOWELL		Sheriff's Dept. attempted Service at		
1		<u> </u>			the last known address. Apartment		
	Not.Cred.		Mother: <b>KELISA KIRNON</b>		was empty.		
	Notice of	Х			d. Jalen Arrington (minor)		
	Hrg		Paternal grandfather (Jalen): Deceased		e. Kierra Hollowell (minor)		
	Aff.Mail	Χ	` '	3.	Need proof of service of the <i>Notice of</i>		
	Aff.Pub.		Paternal grandfather (Kierra):		Hearing along with a copy of the		
	Sp.Ntc.		Deceased		Petition or Consent and Waiver of		
	Pers.Serv.	Х	Paternal grandmother (Jalen): Betty		Notice or Declaration of Due Diligence		
1	Conf. Screen		Jean Arrington		on:		
<u> </u>	33 33. 34.		Paternal grandmother (Kierra):		a. Betty Arrington (Jalen's paternal		
<b>/</b>	Letters		unknown		grandmother)		
	Duties/Supp		Maternal grandfather: Thethel Locke		<ul><li>b. Kierra's paternal grandmother</li><li>c. Thethel Locke (maternal</li></ul>		
✓	Duties/ Supp		iviacoma grandradioi. Themer Locke		grandfather)		
	Objections		Detition on atotag as atherweet the		<del>8</del>		
	Video		Petitioner states mother put the				
	Receipt		children out of her home and told				
1	CI Report		them they were no welcomed.				
ŀ	0202	<u> </u>					
	9202		Court Investigator Charlotte Bien's				
✓	Order		Report filed on 4/12/12.				
	Aff. Posting		<u> </u>	Re	viewed by: KT		
	Status Rpt			Re	viewed on: 4/16/12		
1	UCCJEA			Up	odates:		
Ľ							
	Citation				commendation:		
	FTB Notice			File	e 13 – Arrington, Hollowell		

Atty Durnya, John (pro per Petitioner/Conservator)

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First Account and Report of Conservator and Petition for its Settlement, (2) for Approval of Conservator's and Caregiver's Compensation, (3) for Reimbursement of Costs, and (4) for Approval to Make Purchases and Transfer Assets [Prob. C. 2620]

_	e: 90 years		JOHN DURNYA, son, is petitioner.	NE	EDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
DOB: 2/3/1922			Account period: 9/21/11 – 2/21/12	1.	Need Notice of Hearing.
Cor	Cont. from Aff.Sub.Wit.		Accounting - \$148,831.57 Beginning POH - \$145,500.70 Ending POH - \$142,591.74	2.	Need proof of service of the <i>Notice</i> of Hearing on: a. Teresa M. Durnya (conservatee)
✓	Verified Inventory		Current bond is \$154,000.00  Conservator - \$4,750.00 (190	3.	Petition includes the Family Medical Leave statement of hours for the petitioner. Statement
	PTC Not.Cred.	Χ	hours @ \$25 per hour. Petitioner states he used 190 Family Medical Leave hours and he earns		shows the petitioner used 67.5 hours of Family Medical Leave.
	Notice of Hrg	Χ	\$25.00 per hour.)		Petitioner asks for reimbursement for 190 hours.
	Aff.Mail		Conservator requests he be allowed to pay	4.	Disbursement schedule includes
	Aff.Pub.		himself the sum of \$700 per month for the conservatee's living expenses (food, utilities and	7.	disbursements for glass door and
	Sp.Ntc.		rent) retroactive to May 2011.		door installation totaling \$1,396.00. Probate Code
	Pers.Serv.		·		\$1064(a)(2) requires an
	Conf. Screen		Conservator requests he be allowed to pay from		explanation of unusual items
	Letters Curr		<b>the conservatorship the sum of \$1,200</b> to fence off an existing pool so that it will not be a hazard		appearing in the accounting.
	Duties/Supp		to the conservatee.	5.	Disbursement schedule includes a
	Objections Video Receipt		Conservator requests that <b>he be allowed the sum of \$300 per month</b> to care for the		disbursement to replace a hallway door for \$157.00. Probate Code \$1064(a)(2).
✓	CI Report 2620(c)		conservatee, retroactive to May 2011.	6.	Need Order
	Order	Χ	Conservator requests that he be allowed to pay		
	Aff. Posting		the conservatee's grandson, Christopher	Rev	riewed by: KT
	Status Rpt		<b>Durnya the sum of \$300 per month</b> to care for the conservatee, retroactive to May 2011.		riewed on: 4/17/12
	UCCJEA		the conservatee, retroactive to iviay 2011.	_	dates:
	Citation		Conservator requests the court allow him	-	commendation:
	FTB Notice		reimbursement in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the paralegal typing service for the conservatorship papers in this matter.	File	14 - Durnya
			Conservator requests that he be allowed to transfer on-half of the remaining funds in the Bank of America Account to Golden One Credit Union.  Please see additional page		
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## Petitioner prays for an Order:

- 1. Settling and Allowing the First Account.
- 2. Approving and confirming the acts of petitioner and Conservator
- 3. Allowing reimbursement to Petitioner in the amount of \$1,000.00 for own money expended for paralegal services in typing the conservatorship documents.
- 4. Allowing the sum of \$4,750.00 to the conservator as compensation for services rendered.
- 5. Allowing the sum of \$6,300.00 as reimbursement for rent and food from May 9, 2011 to February 21, 2012 and allowing Conservator to collect the sum of \$700 per month thereafter.
- 6. Allowing Petitioner to expend \$1,200.00 to fence the area around the pool.
- 7. Allowing Petitioner to pay himself the sum of \$3,000 for the care of the conservatee from May 9, 2011 to February 21, 2012 and \$300 per month thereafter.
- 8. Allowing Petitioner to pay the Conservatee's grandson, Christopher Durnya the sum of \$3,000.00 for the care of the conservatee from May 9, 2011 to February 21, 2012 and \$300 per month thereafter.
- 9. Allowing Conservator to transfer one-half of the funds at Bank of America to and account at Golden One Credit Union.

Newman, Pamela Joy (pro per – paternal grandmother/Petitioner)
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person (Prob. C. 1510)

Age: 12		TEMPORARY EXPIRES 04/23/12	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
DO	B: 10/18/99	PAMELA JOY NEWMAN, paternal grandmother, is Petitioner.	CONTINUED FROM 01/24/11 As of 04/23/12, the following items remain outstanding:
	nt. from 110811,	Father: <b>ROBERT NEWMAN</b> – personally served 09/10/11	Need proof of personal service of Notice of Hearing along with a copy of the Petition for
<b>✓</b>	Aff.Sub.Wit.	Mother: <b>SHANNON RAFFA</b> – court dispensed with notice on 09/19/11	Guardianship at least 15 days before the hearing or Consent and Waiver of Notice for:
	Inventory		- Caitlin Newman (minor)
	PTC	Paternal grandfather: ROBERT NEWMAN –	
	Not.Cred.	deceased	
<b>✓</b>	Notice of Hrg	Maternal grandfather: GREG RAFFA – served by mail 09/26/11	
<b>√</b>	Aff.Mail	Maternal grandmother: JOAN RAFFA – served by	
	Aff.Pub.	mail 09/26/11	
	Sp.Ntc.		
<b>✓</b>	Pers.Serv.	Petitioner states that Caitlin's father is abusing her.	
✓	Conf. Screen	He does not take care of her needs and spends her	
✓	Letters	public assistance on drugs for himself. Petitioner states that Caitlin lived with her for several years in	
✓	Duties/Supp	the past before living with her father. Petitioner	
	Objections	states that she and Caitlin have a good relationship	
	Video Receipt	and Caitlin wants to live with her again.	
<b>√</b>	CI Report	Declaration of Jacqueline Thornton, great-	
	9202	grandmother, filed 11/03/11 states that Caitlin and	
<b>√</b>	Order	her father (Robert Newman) have lived in her home	
	Aff. Posting	for the past year. Ms. Thornton states that she has	Reviewed by: JF
	Status Rpt	witnessed Mr. Newman being verbally and physically abusive to Caitlin. She further states that	Reviewed on: 04/13/12
✓	UCCJEA	Mr. Newman continues to use drugs. Ms. Thornton	Updates:
	Citation	states that she does not believe that Mr. Newman	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice	should be raising his daughter under these conditions	File 15 - Newman
		and asks the court to appoint Pamela Newman as guardian of Caitlin.	
		Court Investigator Julie Negrete's report was filed 11/03/11.	
		DSS Social Worker Melissa Arredondo's report was filed 11/07/11.	
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#### Harris & Jefferson Minors (GUARD/P) 16

Case No. 12CEPR00150

Atty Krbechek, Randolf (for James Earl Harris Jr. MD and Rosina Maria Harris/brother & sister-in-law/Petitioners)

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person (Prob. C. 1510)

Jammy, 9			NO TEMPORARY IN PLACE, TEMPORARY	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
DO	B: 08/14/02	-	<b>DENIED 02/29/12</b>	
1 1	vis, 8	<b>-</b>		1. Declaration of Due Diligence
DO	B: 01/11/04		MES EARL HARRIS, JR., M.D. and ROSINA	regarding maternal grandparents filed 02/15/12
		ll l	<b>ARIA HARRIS,</b> half-brother and half-sister in law, e Petitioners.	states that the mother will
		arc	e i entioners.	not provide any information
Cor	nt. from	Fat	ther: <b>JAMES EARL HARRIS, SR.</b> – deceased	regarding her parents. If
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		,	diligence is not found, need
✓	Verified	Mo	other: RAJANNE ANGELIC JEFFERSON –	proof of service by mail at
	Inventory	per	rsonally served 02/14/12	least 15 days before the hearing of Notice of Hearing
	PTC		1 16 d HENDY DI A GW	with a copy of the <i>Petition</i>
	Not.Cred.	II.	ternal grandfather: HENRY BLACK – deceased	for Appointment of
✓	Notice of	II.	ternal grandmother: GRACIE MAE HARRIS – ceased	Guardian of the Person <u>or</u>
	Hrg		ceuseu	Consent and Waiver of
	Aff.Mail	x Ma	aternal grandparents: UNKNOWN – declaration of	Notice for:
	Aff.Pub.		e diligence filed 02/15/12	<ul> <li>Maternal grandparents (unknown)</li> </ul>
	Sp.Ntc.			(ulikilowii)
✓	Pers.Serv.	II.	titioners state that the children's father died	
✓	Conf. Screen		expectedly on 02/16/12. Their father had sole	
✓	Letters		stody of both of the children as the mother is not fit provide a safe home and has been charged with child	
✓	Duties/Supp	- 11	use in the past and currently has charges against her	
	Objections		r assault with a deadly weapon. Since the father's	
	Video		ath, the children have been in their mother's care.	
	Receipt		titioners state that they can provide the children with	
✓	CI Report		safe and loving home and provide them with a better	
	9202		e. Petitioners state that they fear for the children's	
✓	Order	II.	fety while in the care of their mother due to her	
	Aff. Posting	IIIS	story.	Reviewed by: JF
	Status Rpt	De	eclaration filed 04/18/12 attaches 4 letters of	Reviewed on: 04/16/12
✓	UCCJEA		ference and recommendation from various people	<b>Updates</b> : 04/19/12
	Citation	II.	no know and work with the Petitioners supporting	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice		eir Petition to be appointed as guardians.	File 16 – Harris & Jefferson
			ourt Investigator Jennifer Young's report was ed 04/18/12.	
			SS Social Worker Kim Ramirez filed a report on /19/12.	